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Scheduled official meetings

Wednesday, 8 October 2003

Security Council

10 a.m. . . . . 4837th meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina

   Letter dated 25 September 2003 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2003/918)

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1132 (1997) concerning Sierra Leone

3.30 p.m.[1] . . . . . 33rd meeting (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 7

[1] The Chairman of the Committee will give an oral briefing to interested Member States of the United Nations, in the same conference room, immediately following the adjournment of the meeting.

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Main Committees

First Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 4th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

General debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items (items 62 to 80): *item 62* (A/58/202); *item 63* (A/58/128); *item 64* (A/58/29); *item 65*; *item 66*; *item 67*; *item 68*; *item 69*; *item 70* (A/58/137); *item 71*; *item 72*; *item 73* (A/58/117, A/58/117/Add.1, A/58/129, A/58/129/Add.1, A/58/130, A/58/138, A/58/162, A/58/176, A/58/176/Add.1, A/58/203, A/58/207, A/58/208, A/58/208/Add.1, A/58/848); *item 74* (A/58/122, A/58/139, A/58/177, A/58/190, A/58/274); *item 75* (A/58/27, A/58/42,

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A/58/259, A/58/316); *item 76* (A/58/259); *item 77* (A/58/163); *item 78* (A/58/132, A/58/132/Add.1, A/58/132/Add.2); *item 79* (A/58/385); and *item 80* (other documents: A/C.1/58/1, A/C.1/58/2, A/C.1/58/3 and A/ C.1/58/INF.1)

Speakers:

Costa Rica

Qatar

Mongolia

Canada

Zambia

Uruguay

Ghana

Belarus

Brazil

Holy See

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

3–6 p.m. . . . . 4th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

1. Agenda items 19, 87, 88, 89 and 12, and 90

   General debate on all decolonization items: *item 19* (A/58/23 (Part II), chapters VIII-X, A/58/23 (Part III), chapter XII (D-F), A/58/171; Aide-mémoire 1/03); *item 87* (A/58/23 (Part II), chapter VII, A/58/23 (Part III), chapter XII (A), A/58/69); *item 88* (A/58/23 (Part II), chapter V, A/58/23 (Part III), chapter XII (B)); *items 89 and 12 (*A/58/23 (Part II), chapter VI, A/58/23 (Part III), chapter XII (C), A/58/66, A/C.4/58/CRP.1)); *item 90* (A/58/71)

2. Hearing of representatives of Non-Self-Governing Territories

3. Hearing of petitioners (A/C.4/58/2, A/C.4/58/3, A/C.4/58/3/Add.1, A/C.4/58/4 and A/C.4/58/4/Add.1, A/C.4/58/4/Add.2, A/C.4/58/4/Add.3, A/C.4/58/4/Add.4, A/C.4/58/4/Add.5, A/C.4/58/4/Add.6, A/C.4/58/4/Add.7, A/C.4/58/4/Add.8 and A/C.4/58/4/Add.9)

Second Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 5th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

General debate (*conclusion)*

Ukraine

United Arab Emirates

Saudi Arabia

Burkina Faso

Serbia and Montenegro

Philippines

Cameroon

Uganda

Malaysia

World Bank

Jamaica

Tunisia

The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Dominican Republic

Syrian Arab Republic

Senegal

Bolivia

International Labour Organization (ILO)

Cambodia

Nepal

Sudan

Mexico

Belize (on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS))

Armenia

Papua New Guinea

Third Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 6th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

1. Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly (A/58/172 and A/58/204) [105]

2. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family (A/58/3[1], A/58/61-E/2003/5, A/58/67-E/2003/49, A/58/79, A/58/229, A/58/159, A/58/153 and A/C.3/58/L.2) . . . . . [106]

3. Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing (A/58/160) . . . . . [107]

Conclusion of general discussion

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[1] To be issued.

Fifth Committee

10 a.m. . . . . 3rd meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

1. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations . . . . . [119]

   Outsourcing practices (A/57/185 and A/57/7/Add.1)

   Report of the Joint Inspection Unit: Management audit review of outsourcing (A/58/92, A/58/92/Add.1 and A/58/389)

   Report of the Joint Inspection Unit: Common and joint services at Vienna (A/58/258, A/58/258/Add.1 and A/58/389)

   Continuation of general discussion

2. Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 . . . . . [120]

   Profitability of commercial activities of the United Nations (A/57/398 and A/57/7/Add.1)

   Report of the Joint Inspection Unit: United Nations revenue producing activities (A/57/707, A/57/707/Add.1, A/58/7 and A/58/7/Corr.1)

   Introduction and general discussion

3. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [124]

   Letters dated 27 June 2003 and 1 October 2003 from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee (A/C.5/57/39 and A/C.5/58/4)

   Introduction and general discussion

Morning[1]–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 129 (Joint Inspection Unit (A/58/34, A/58/64, A/58/291, A/58/220 and A/58/343))

[1] Following the adjournment of the 3rd meeting of the Fifth Committee.

Sixth Committee

Working Group on Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism

4.30–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

Status of implementation of actions described in the Secretary-General's report entitled "Strengthening of the United Nations: an agenda for further change"

General Assembly

Informal consultations on agenda item 52 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 52 (b) (Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks)

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development [106 (b) of the provisional agenda] (29–30 October 2003)

Inscriptions for Member States wishing to participate in the ministerial-level round tables

Delegations wishing to participate in any of eight ministerial-level round tables to be held in the context of the High-level Dialogue, on Wednesday, 29 October 2003, are kindly requested to come in person to the List of Speakers area of the General Assembly Affairs Branch (room S-2940) to inscribe.

Delegations are reminded that the list of participants in the round tables will be established on a first-come, first-served basis, and that each round table may have a maximum of 7 participants from African States, 7 participants from Asian States, 3 participants from Eastern European States, 5 participants from Latin American and Caribbean States and 4 participants from Western European and other States. Member States that are not members of any regional group may participate in the round tables (resolution 57/250 of 20 December 2002 and letter from the President of the General Assembly to Member States dated 7 May 2003, on organizational matters).

Other meetings

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Wednesday, 8 October 2003

Group of Landlocked Developing Countries

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Open-ended informal consultations on a draft resolution on violence against women (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

Group of 77 *(on Third Committee matters)*

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Group of 77 *(on Second Committee matters)*

1.30–3 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)*

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Arab Group *(at the ambassadorial level)*

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Arab Group *(on First Committee matters)*

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Arab Group *(on Third Committee matters) (at the experts level)*

1.45–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

Informal consultations on a draft resolution under agenda item 106 (Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Portugal)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

Informal consultations on draft resolutions on the preparation for and observance of the International Year of the Family and on the importance of the guidance and the role of parents in the care, control and development of children (under agenda item 106) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Benin)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

African Group *(at ambassadorial level)*

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Informal consultations on a draft resolution on the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly (under agenda item 105) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Brazil)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

UNITAR English-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

Group of Latin American and Caribbean States

3.30–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

International Forum for Social Development

The third meeting of the International Forum for Social Development on "International Migrants and Development", organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will be held in an informal open debate *today*, 8 October 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The debate will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Jean-Jacques Elmiger, Chairman of the forty-second session of the Commission for Social Development. Speakers will include Ms. Nadine Alvergue de Molina, Director-General for Immigration, El Salvador; Mr. Gerónimo Gutiérrez, Vice-Minister for North America at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mexico; Mr. Jan O. Karlsson, Minister for Development Cooperation, Migration and Asylum Policy, Sweden; Ms. Susan F. Martin, Director, Institute for the Study of International Migration, United States; and Mr. Michael D. Tlhomelang, Director, Ministry of Home Affairs, South Africa. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Background information is available in room DC2-1360 or at the following Web sites: www.un.org/esa/socdev/IFSD/ or www.un.org/esa/socdev/IFSD/3rdmeeting.htm. For further information, please contact the Division for Social Policy and Development (tel. 1 (917) 367-5740 or 1 (212) 963-4596).

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm.

Wednesday, 8 October 2003

Room S-226

11 a.m. . . . . Ms. Ann Erb Leoncavallo, Information Officer, United Nations Population Fund; Dr. Laura Laski, Technical Officer, United Nations Population Fund; and Ms. Ellen Themmen, Vice-President for Programmes, Family Care International (to launch *The State of World Population 2003*)

Forthcoming official meetings

Thursday, 9 October 2003

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

10 a.m. . . . . 27th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994: note by the Secretary-General transmitting the eighth annual report of the International Tribunal (A/58/140) [53]; Report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991: note by the Secretary-General transmitting the tenth annual report of the International Criminal Tribunal (A/58/297) [54]: joint debate
2. Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit: report of the Secretary-General (A/58/323) [60]; Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (A/58/1) [10]: joint debate

Main Committees

First Committee

10 a.m. . . . . 5th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

Second Committee

10 a.m. . . . . 6th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

3 p.m. . . . . 7th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Third Committee

10 a.m.	7th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	8th meeting	Conference Room 1

Fifth Committee

10 a.m.	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Sixth Committee

10 a.m.	4th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	5th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

General Assembly

Informal consultations on agenda item 52 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 52 (b) (Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks) will be held on Thursday, 9 October, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Informal consultations on agenda item 52 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 52 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea), will be held on Friday, 10 October 2003, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Informal consultations on the organization of the high-level dialogue for the implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development (agenda item 104 (b))

Informal consultations on the organization of the high-level dialogue for the implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development (agenda item 104 (b)), convened by the Office of the President of the General Assembly, will be held on Friday, 10 October 2003, from 12 noon to 1.30 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Second Committee

The list of speakers for all items allocated to the Second Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Maria Thompson (tel. 1 (212) 963-2183; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted to Mr. Nikhil Seth, Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950-C; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Panel discussion

As part of the work of the Second Committee, there will be a panel discussion on "Corporate Responsibility" on Friday, 10 October 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The meeting, organized by the Department for Economic and Social Affairs, will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Iftekhar Chowdhury (Bangladesh), Chairman of the Second Committee. The panellists will include Mrs. Halima Embarek Warzazi, Chairperson of the fifty-fifth session of the Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights; Ms. Enery Quiñones, Head, Anti-Corruption Division, OECD; Mr. Fritz Heimann, Chairman, Transparency International-USA, and Vice-Chairman, International Chamber of Commerce Commission on Anti-Corruption; Mr. Peter Utting, Acting Deputy Director and Research Coordinator on Corporate Social Responsibility, United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD); and Ms. Malaika Culverwell, Senior Fellow, Royal Institute for International Affairs.

Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information please contact the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-4201; or e-mail ecosocinfo@un.org).

Briefing

A keynote address to the Second Committee delegates will be made by Mr. Joseph Stiglitz, Nobel Laureate and Professor of Economics and Finance, Columbia University, on "Prospects for Economic Growth and Future of Development Cooperation", on Wednesday, 15 October 2003, from 9.30 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 2. The meeting will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Iftekhar Chowdhury (Bangladesh), Chairman of the Second Committee.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

The 274th meeting of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will be held on Thursday, 9 October 2003, at 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 1.

Committee on Relations with the Host Country

The 218th meeting of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country will be convened on Thursday, 9 October 2003 at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The meeting will be open to observers. Delegations are reminded that while any matter pertinent to the work of the Committee could be raised from the floor, they are encouraged, in accordance with the decision of the Committee adopted at its 164th meeting in March 1994, to request the formal inscription, at least 48 hours prior to the meeting, of specific items they would like to raise, keeping in mind the detailed list of topics adopted by the Committee in 1982 (see document A/50/26, paragraph 5). Delegations are further encouraged to submit to the Chairman of the Committee or to the Secretary of the Committee (room S-3420B; fax 1 (212) 963-6430) any relevant documentation or written statements in advance of the meeting.

Security Council

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism

The Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism will give an oral briefing to interested Member States of the United Nations on Thursday, 9 October 2003, at 4 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Economic and Social Council

Open-ended Working Group on Informatics: Technical Subgroup

The next meeting of the Technical Subgroup of the Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will take place on Wednesday, 15 October 2003, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 5, under the chairmanship of H.E. Miss June Yvonne Clarke (Barbados).

Other forthcoming meetings

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Eastern European States Group (of the Fifth Committee)

There will be a meeting of the Eastern European States Group (of the Fifth Committee) on Thursday, 9 October 2003, from 9 to 10 a.m. in Conference Room D.

Open-ended informal consultations on a draft resolution entitled "Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons: Towards a society for all in the twenty-first Century" (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Philippines)

There will be open-ended informal consultations on a draft resolution entitled "Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons: Towards a society for all in the twenty-first Century", organized by the Permanent Mission of the Philippines, from 9 to 9.45 a.m., as follows: 9 October 2003, in Conference Room 7; and 14, 16 and 17 October, in Conference Room B.

Non-Aligned Movement

There will be a meeting of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement on Thursday, 9 October 2003, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction (under agenda item 73 (p)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Thailand)

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution on the implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction (under agenda item 73 (p)), organized by the Permanent Mission of Thailand, on Thursday, 9 October 2003, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room D.

UNDP presentation on "Biodiversity, Human Health and the Millennium Development Goals"

There will be a presentation on "Biodiversity, Human Health and the Millennium Development Goals", organized by the United Nations Development Programme, in collaboration with the Center for Health and the Global Environment, Harvard University, and the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, on Thursday, 9 October 2003, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. For further information, please contact Ms. Gelila Terrefe (tel. 1 (212) 906-6476; e-mail gelila.terrefe@undp.org).

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International Year of Sport and Physical Education" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Tunisia)

There will be informal consultations (open to experts from interested delegations) on the draft resolution entitled "International Year of Sport and Physical Education" on Thursday, 9 October 2003, from 2.15 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Group of 77 *(briefing on agenda item 94 (Second Committee))*

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(briefing on agenda item 94 (Second Committee))* on Thursday, 9 October 2003, at 3 p.m., in a conference room to be announced.

Special briefing to members of the Fifth Committee

There will be a special briefing by the Secretariat to members of the Fifth Committee on issues relating to the programme budget of the United Nations on Thursday, 9 October 2003, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

Open-ended informal consultations on a draft resolution on strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity (under agenda item 108) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy)

Open-ended informal consultations on a draft resolution on strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity (under agenda item 108), organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy, will be held as follows: Friday, 10 October 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D; Tuesday, 14 October, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B; and Thursday, 16 October, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Southern African Development Community (SADC) *(on Third Committee matters) (at the experts level)*

There will be a meeting of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) *(on Third Committee matters) (at the experts level)* on agenda items 110 and 111 on Friday, 10 October 2003, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Informal consultations on a draft resolution on the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly (under agenda item 105) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Brazil)

There will be informal consultations on a draft resolution on the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly (under agenda item 105), organized by the Permanent Mission of Brazil, on Friday, 10 October 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

JUSCANZ Group *(on Third Committee matters)*

There will be meetings of the JUSCANZ Group *(on Third Committee matters)* on 14, 21 and 28 October 2003 from 9 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room A.

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Reports and background documentation (Second and Third Committees)

Reports and background documentation prepared by the Department for Economic and Social Affairs for the Second Committee and the Third Committee can be accessed by delegates at www.un.org/esa.

Security Council **Daily informal briefings**

As from Friday, 3 October 2003, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Summary of meetings

Tuesday, 7 October 2003

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

25th plenary meeting

Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit: report of the Secretary-General (A/58/323)* [60]; *Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (A/58/1)* [10]: *joint debate

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda items 10 and 60.

Statements were made by the representatives of Belarus, San Marino, Canada, Guyana, Uganda, Mozambique, China, Chile, the Syrian Arab Republic, the United States, the Netherlands, Viet Nam, Portugal, Argentina, Tunisia, Uruguay, Kazakhstan and Zimbabwe.

26th plenary meeting

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (Article 19 of the Charter) . . . . . [124]

The General Assembly took note that the Democratic Republic of the Congo had made the necessary payment to reduce its arrears below the amount specified in Article 19 of the Charter. The Assembly was informed that the information would be reflected in document A/58/360/Add.2, to be issued.

Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit: report of the Secretary-General (A/58/323)* [60]; *Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (A/58/1)* [10]: *joint debate

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda items 10 and 60.

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, Mongolia, Yemen, Malawi, Iceland, Sweden, Ukraine (on behalf of the GUUAM Group), Eritrea, Mexico, Ethiopia, Myanmar, Ecuador, the Sudan, Liechtenstein, Fiji, Lesotho and Poland.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Israel, Japan and the Syrian Arab Republic.

Main Committees

First Committee

3rd meeting

The Chairman made a statement.

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items and heard statements made by the representatives of Malaysia, the United States, China, Algeria, Japan, the Republic of Korea, the United Arab Emirates, Uganda, Romania and Madagascar, as well as by the representative of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW).

Rights of reply

In the exercise of the right of reply, the representatives of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and Japan made statements.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

3rd meeting

Requests for hearing

The Committee considered thirteen communications containing requests for hearing, two relating to Gibraltar (A/C.4/58/2 and A/C.4/58/2/Add.1), one relating to the Cayman Islands (A/C.4/58/3) and ten relating to Western Sahara (A/C.4/58/4 and A/C.4/58/4/Add.1-9), which it decided to grant.

Agenda items 19 (chapters of the report of the Special Committee of 24 relating to specific Territories not already covered by other items), 87, 88, 89 and 12, and 90)

The Committee continued its general debate with statements from the representatives of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Nigeria, Algeria, India, New Zealand, the United Republic of Tanzania, Namibia, Zambia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Tunisia, South Africa, Timor-Leste, Gabon and Papua New Guinea.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

Second Committee

3rd meeting

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of the Algeria, Namibia, Croatia, Cuba, Bangladesh, Kenya, Yemen, Peru (on behalf of the Rio Group), India, Canada (on behalf of Andorra, Australia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, San Marino and Switzerland), Indonesia, Myanmar, South Africa, Ecuador, Lebanon and Colombia.

A statement was made by the representative of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

The observer for the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources made a statement.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

4th meeting

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Singapore, the United States, Suriname (on behalf of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM)), the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Viet Nam, Belarus, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the Lao People's Democratic Republic (on behalf of the Group of Landlocked Developing Countries), Ghana, Venezuela, the United Republic of Tanzania, Mongolia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Nigeria, Tajikistan, Kazakhstan and Ethiopia.

Third Committee

4th meeting

Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly . . . . . [105]

Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family . . . . . [106]

Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing . . . . . [107]

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the items and heard statements by the representatives of the Philippines, Algeria, Bangladesh, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, India, Bahrain, Azerbaijan, Norway, Myanmar, Sweden and Grenada.

The representative of the International Federation of the Red Cross also made a statement.

5th meeting

The Committee continued its general discussion of agenda items 105, 106 and 107 and heard statements by the representatives of Malaysia, the United Arab Emirates, the Republic of Korea, Croatia, the United States, Senegal, Saudi Arabia, the Netherlands, Zimbabwe, Belarus, Ecuador and the Sudan.

The representative of the United Nations Volunteers also made a statement.

Organization of work

The Committee was reminded that the deadline for submission of draft proposals under agenda items 105, 106 and 107 was Wednesday, 8 October, at 6 p.m.

Fifth Committee

2nd meeting

Organization of work

The Chairman of the Committee made a statement

Statements concerning the proposed programme of work by the Bureau were made by the representatives of Italy (on behalf of the European Union), the Syrian Arab Republic and Egypt.

The Committee then approved the proposed programme of work, on the understanding that adjustments would be made as necessary during the course of the session.

Financial reports and audited financial statements and reports of the Board of Auditors [118]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Director of External Audit and Chairman of the Audit Operations Committee, Mr. Alain Gillette, introduced the reports of the Board of Auditors (A/58/5/Add.5 and A/58/114).

The Chief of the Oversight Support Unit of the Department of Management introduced the reports of the Secretary-General (A/58/97 and A/58/97/Add.1).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/58/384).

Statements were made by the representatives of Italy (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Bulgaria, Romania, Turkey, Iceland and Liechtenstein), Australia (on behalf of Canada, New Zealand and Australia), South Africa, the United States, the Russian Federation, Japan and the Syrian Arab Republic.

The Director of External Audit and Chairman of the Audit Operations Committee and the Deputy High Commissioner for Refugees replied to questions raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this agenda item.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this item would begin on that day, following the adjournment of the formal meeting, in Conference Room 5, under the chairmanship of Mr. Yasser Elnaggar (Egypt).

Joint Inspection Unit . . . . . [129]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman of the Joint Inspection Unit, Mr. Armando Duque-González, introduced the reports of the Unit (A/58/34, A/58/64, A/58/291 and A/58/343).

The representative of the Secretariat of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/58/220).

Statements were made by the representatives of Italy (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Bulgaria, Romania, Turkey, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway), the United States, the Russian Federation, Canada (on behalf of Australia, New Zealand and Canada), Switzerland, Japan, Pakistan, Sierra Leone, Egypt and India.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this agenda item.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this item would begin on Wednesday, 8 October, following the adjournment of the formal meeting, in Conference Room 5, under the chairmanship of Ms. Karen Lock (South Africa).

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations . . . . . [119]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

Outsourcing practices and the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on management audit review of outsourcing

The Assistant Secretary-General for Central Support Services introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/57/185).

The Chairman of the Joint Inspection Unit, Mr. Armando Duque-González, introduced the report of the Unit (A/58/92).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related reports of that Committee (A/57/7/Add.1 and A/58/389).

Report of the Joint Inspection Unit: Common and joint services at Vienna

The Chairman of the Joint Inspection Unit, Mr. Armando Duque-González, introduced the report of the Unit (A/58/258).

The representative of the Secretariat of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination introduced a note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments and those of the Chief Executives Board for Coordination (A/58/258/Add.1).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/58/389).

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

Trade and Development Board
Fiftieth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

Tuesday, 7 October 2003

High-level segment

945th plenary meeting — *Interdependence and global economic issues from a trade and development perspective: Capital accumulation, economic growth and structural changes in developing countries* [2]

An interactive debate took place with the following panellists: Mr. John Alfred Weiss, Director, Research Institute of the Asian Development Bank (ADB), Tokyo; Ms. Barbara Fritz, Senior Researcher, Institute for Ibero-American Studies, Hamburg; and Mr. Glauco Arbix, Director-General, Institute of Applied Economic Research (IPEA) (Brasilia), and Professor in the Department of Sociology of the University of Sao Paolo.

946th plenary meeting — The general debate concluded its general debate on agenda item 2 and heard statements by the representatives of China, India, the United States, the Republic of Korea, Bangladesh, Belarus and the Russian Federation.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

International Cocoa Agreement, 2001. Geneva, 2 March 2001

Extension of time-limit for the deposit of instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval until 30 September 2010.

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997

Communication relating to the declaration made by Pakistan upon accession: Republic of Moldova (6 October 2003)[1]

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999

Communication relating to the reservations made by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea upon signature: Republic of Moldova (6 October 2003)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Other announcements

DPI/NGO Briefing

This week, the topic of DPI/NGO briefing will be "Maternal Health: The Problem of Obstetric Fistula". The briefing will be held on Thursday, 9 October 2003, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. The briefing will feature H.E. Mr. Ousmane Moutari, Permanent Representative of the Niger to the United Nations; Dr. Catherine Hamlin, Founder and Director, Addis Ababa Fistula Hospital; and Dr. France Donnay, Chief, Reproductive Health Branch, United Nations Population Fund. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Tala Dowlatshahi, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel. 1 (212) 963-1859).

2003 World Food Day on the theme "Working together for an international alliance against hunger"

There will be a ceremony on the occasion of the 2003 World Food Day on the theme "Working together for an international alliance against hunger", organized by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), on Friday 17 October 2003, at 12.30 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Members of permanent Missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations System, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the FAO Liaison Office to the United Nations (tel. 1 (212) 963-6036 or 963-6319).

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